ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – LEGAL METROLOGY DEPARTMENT- Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of illegal gratification against Sri Narsupalli Eswara Rao, S/o Suryanarayana, 56 years, Asst. Controller, Legal Metrology, Rajamahendravaram - Trapped on 24-06-2019-Sanction for Prosecution under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (As amended by Act, 16 of 2018) – Accorded – Orders - Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No:11 Dated:11-11-2021

O R D E R:

WHEREAS, Sri Narsupalli Eswara Rao, S/o Suryanarayana, worked as Asst. Controller, Legal Metrology, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District from 12-02-2019 to 24-06-2019. By virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defned under section 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2. AND WHEREAS Sri Nookalla Uma Sai, S/o Veerraju, 24 years is working as a Clerk at ACCUWEIGH Consultants for weighing Automation, Hukumpet, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District since 2012 belongs to Bejawada Srinivasa Rao and looking after all the transactions of his firm. The firm is manufacturing the weighing Bridges and under taking the sales and maintenance. They are installing the sold weigh bridges and handing over the same to the consumers for further use. They have to complete the formalities, like verification of installed weigh bridge, Stamping and its Certification through Legal Metrology Department. About two months prior to the complaint they received an order from BSR Infratech India Limited Company for the supply of 80 Metric Tons Capacity weigh bridge along with its installation and commission. According to the order, they manufactured weigh bridge and on 27th and 28th of March, they installed the same at the construction site of BSR Infra tech India Limited Company located at Ramesampeta (v) of Rangampeta Mandal. After completion of remaining formalities on 23-05-2019, his owner Sri B.Srinivasa Rao made application to the Asst. Controller, Legal Metrology Department of Weights/Measures, Rajamahendravaram for the verification, stamping and certification of the said weigh bridge. They noted in the application that the weigh bridge capacity, Machine No.AW/WB/19/01, Invoice No.AW/18-19/20. Later Sri N. Uma Sai met Sri N.Eswara Rao, Asst. Controller, Rajamahendravaram several times and requested him to complete the work at an early date.

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Again on 20.06.2019 at about 8.30 A.M., Sri N. Uma Sai went to the house of Asst. Controller Sri N. Eswara Rao and requested him to complete the weigh bridge inspection. Then, Sri N. Eswara Rao asked him to be available at the site stating that he is coming there. Then, Sri N.Uma Sai went to the Weigh Bridge site at 9.30 A.M., and waited there and at about 3.30 P.M., Sri N.Eswara Rao came there with his staff, verified the weigh bridge and made stamping and Sri N. Eswara Rao asked to give him Rs.20,000/- as formalities with regard to the verification of Weigh Bridge and its stamping besides stating that he will generate the weigh bridge certificate in online. When, Sri N.Uma Sai requested to reduce the formality amount of Rs.20,000/-, Sri N. Eswara Rao did not accept to reduce the amount besides giving threat if he failed to pay the demanded amount of Rs.20,000/- he will not attend the works of his remaining weigh bridges. As there is no other go unwillingly he accepted to pay the bribe amount of Rs.20,000/-. Later, he informed the demand for an amount of Rs.20,000/- made by Sri N. Eswara Rao to his owner Sri B.Srinivasa Rao. On the same day his owner Sri B. Srinivasa Rao made a phone call from his mobile No.9849340600 to Sri N. Easwara Rao on his mobile No.9440168585 and informed him that Sri N. Eswara Rao asked him to send the formality amount of Rs.20,000/- by next day. His owner Sri Srinivasa Rao has recorded the telephonic conversation made with Sri N. Eswara Rao in his mobile.

On 21.06.2019 morning the verification certificate with regard to the stamping done on 20.06.2019 by the Asst. Controller Sri Eswara Rao to their weigh bridge located at Ramesampeta was received to his mobile what's app. On the same day afternoon the Asst. Controller Sri Eswara Rao made a call from his mobile No.9440168585 to his mobile No.9177832011 and questioned him as to why he did not bring the demanded amount of Rs.20,000/- besides stating that he also informed the same to his owner over phone. Then, Sri N. Uma Sai replied that he will bring the money as demanded by him within 2 to 3 days. Later, he informed to his owner over phone about the demanded for money by the Asst. Controller Sri Eswara Rao over phone. They decided to give complaint to the DSP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram against the Asst.Controller, Rajamahendravaram as they are not willing to pay the bribe amount to the Asst. Controller Sri Eswara Rao.

3. AND WHEREAS, on 22-06-2019 at about 04.00 P.M. Sri N. Uma Sai went to O/o. DSP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram and submitted written report to the DSP and the DSP, ACB after observing procedural formalities, registered the complaint as a case in Cr.No. 05/RCT-RJY/2019 U/s 7 (b) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act 2018 on 24-06-2019 at 15.00 hrs and made arrangements for laying the trap."

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AND WHEREAS, having completed the pre trap proceedings on 24.06.2019 at 03.00 P.M., the trap party went to the Office of Legal Metrology, Rajamahendravaram, where Sri N. Eswara Rao was trapped when he further demanded and accepted the bribe of Rs. 20,000/- through Sri D.V. Ramana Raju, who received the same on the instructions of Sri N.Eswara Rao. The chemical test conducted on the fingers of the both hands of Sri D.V.Ramana Raju (Private Assistant of Sri N.Eswara Rao) separately yielded positive results. In pursuance of the information furnished by Sri D.V.Ramana Raju the tainted amount of Rs.20,000/- was recovered from his left side upper shirt pocket. The chemical tests conducted on the inner linings of left side upper shirt pocket of Sri D.V.Ramana Raju yielded positive result. The official favour documents were recovered from Sri N.Eswara Rao, Asst. Controller, Legal Metrology, Rajamahendravaram.

5. AND WHEREAS, the above said acts of Sri. Narsupalli Eswara Rao, Asst.Controller, Legal Metrology, Rajamahendravaram constitute the offence punishable under section 7 (b) of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018

6. AND WHEREAS, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri. Narsupalli Eswara Rao formerly worked as Asst. Controller, Legal Metrology, Rajamahendravaram from service after fully and carefully examining the material i.e. FIR, Mediators' reports ,Final investigation report etc., placed before the Government in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that Sri Narsupalli Eswara Rao formerly worked as Asst.Controller, Legal Metrology, Rajamahendravaram should be prosecuted in a court of law.

7. NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government here by accord sanction for prosecution of Sri.Narsupalli Eswara Rao, formerly worked as Asst. Controller, Legal Metrology, Rajamahendravaram for the offences punishable under section 7 (b) of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in the force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

11/11/2021

(M.GIRIJA SHANKAR, I.A.S,)
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti Corruption Bureau
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

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